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TAGS: PFOR, UNGA

SUBJECT: KEY ISSUES AT 28TH UNGA

REF: A) STATE 163147, B) STATE 162623,

C) LAGOS 6511, D) LAGOS 7106

BEGIN SUMMARY: REVIEW OF UNGA ISSUES HAS BEEN COMPLETED.
AS NOTED LAGOS 7106, NIGERIAN POSITION WILL MOST LIKELY NOT
BE FINAL UNTIL RESES KNOWN BUT LITTLE IDENTITY OF VIEW WITH
US CAN BE EXPECTED. END SUMMARY

1. EMBOFF CALLED SEPTEMBER 17 ON DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL
DEPARTMENT MEA ADENIJI TO CONTINUE REVIEW ISSUES AT FORTHCOMING
UNGA IN ACCORDANCE REFTELS. DISCUSSION COVERED ITEMS 12 TO 17
OF REFTEL A. FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION ON KOREA REPORTED SEPTTEL.

2. HUMAN RIGHTS: IN RESPONSE POINTS MADE BY EMBOFF, ADENIJI
SAID NIGERIA NOT ENTHUSIASTIC OVER CREATION OF COMMISSIONER FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS BECAUSE OF FEAR OF INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS
OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES. FOR NIGERIA KEY HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES ARE
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SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS, AND OTHER ISSUES RELATING TO HUMAN

RIGHTS ARE PERIPHERAL FOR TIME BEING.

3. FINANCIAL PROBLEMS: ADENIJI SAID THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY ATTEMPT TO REOPEN 25 PERCENT ISSUE AND THOUGHT THAT RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY GA LAST YEAR WOULD SERVE AS GUIDELINE FOR SUBSEQUENT MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS IN '74. IF ISSUE REOPENED, HOWEVER, NIGERIA WOULD HAVE TO EXAMINE SITUATION. NIGERIA AGREED WITH NEED FOR AUSTERITY BUT FELT THAT THIS SHOULD NOT BE TO DETRIMENT OF GOOD ON-GOING PROGRAMS. RE IMPACT OF DOLLAR DEVALUATION, ADENIJI SAID HE DID NOT THINK THIS WAS MAJOR ISSUE AND THAT NIGERIA WOULD NOT BE PRESSING TO MAKE IT AN ISSUE.

4. ECOSOC -- REVIEW AND APPRAISAL: ADENIJI ACKNOWLEDGED THERE WAS NEED TO SEEK AGREEMENT ON POLICY ISSUES OF TRADE, AID AND INVESTMENT, BUT FELT THAT AS LONG AS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES DID NOT MAKE POLITICAL COMMITMENT OF BRIDGING GAP BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, GAP WOULD STILL EXIST. HE NOTED THAT NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES IN ALGIERS HAD AGREED TO CALL FOR SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON ECONOMIC MATTERS. NO DATE, HOWEVER, WAS SET.

5. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: ADENIJI SAID THAT FMG HAD NOT BEEN OVERLY ENTHUSIASTIC REGARDING SPECIAL FUND INITIATED BY KENYANS BECAUSE NIGERIANS DID NOT SEE ANY POINT IN SETTING UP A FUND TO WHICH FEW IF ANY DONATIONS WOULD BE MADE. IF KENYANS PERSIST, HOWEVER, NIGERIA WILL NOT OPPOSE THEM. ON COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY, HE SAID NIGERIA WAS INTERESTED IN ROMANIAN INITIATIVE TO CREATE NEW UN BODY FOR COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY. DETAILS HAD NOT BEEN WORKED OUT AND HE WAS WAITING TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH THEIR EXPERT ON COMPUTERS.

6. REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR WEST ASIA: ADENIJI SAID THAT NIGERIA HAD LONG HELD VIEW IT NECESSARY TO SEPARATE POLITICS FROM ECONOMICS BUT GIVEN AFRICAN NEED FOR ARAB SUPPORT ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES, NIGERIA WILL SUPPORT CREATION OF REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR WEST ASIA IF MATTER COMES TO GA. HE POINTED OUT THAT IF NIGERIA ARGUED NEED FOR PRESENCE OF ISRAEL IN COMMISSION, ARABS WOULD RAISE POINT AFRICANS NOT PERMITTING SOUTH AFRICA IN ECA.

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7. SAHELIAN ZONE DROUGHT: ADENIJI AGREED THERE NEED FOR CONTINUED WORLD-WIDE SUPPORT FOR AND PARTICIPATION IN SAHELIAN RELIEF PROGRAMS.

8. ECOSOC EXPANSION: IN RESPONSE TO QUERY BY ADENIJI, EMBOFF MADE POINTS CONTAINED STATE 163147. ADENIJI NOTED US LAST HOLDOUT AND HE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT POSSIBILITY MATTER MAY SOON BE SETTLED.

9. COMMENT: AS ON ISSUES PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED, FMG'S FINAL POSITION ON MOST ISSUES WILL DEPEND ON ACTUAL LANGUAGE OF RESOLUTION AND TACTICAL SITUATION IN UNGA AT TIME OF VOTE AND DECISIONS WILL NORMALLY BE MADE IN NEW YORK. ON WHOLE, HOWEVER, PRELIMINARY REVIEW HERE SUGGESTS THERE WILL BE LITTLE IDENTITY OF VIEW BETWEEN FMG AND OURSELVES ON MOST ISSUES EXPECTED TO ARISE THIS FALL.

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